



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 00-669-A)

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Application of: Reeve, et al.)
Filed: August 13, 2001)
Serial No.: 09/928,560)
Title: Process for the Fractionation of)
Polymers)

Group Art Unit: 1723
Examiner:
Ernest G. Therkorn

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED NOVEMBER 27, 2002

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on November 27, 2002 in the above referenced case.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-19, drawn to a method of fractionating polymers, classified in class 210, subclass 639.

The Office has requested a species election. Applicants elect "poloxamer". Claims readable thereon include 1-4, 6, 7, 9-19.

Also attached are references cited in the specification along with PTO Form 1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Murray